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Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Docket number 98P-0151/CP1

I was surprised and somewhat horrified to learn that downed animals, too sick or injured even to stand are being allowed to enter the food chain.

Aside from the health risks, possible affliction with BSE the human food chain should be protected to be as risk free as possible.

The treatment of these animals to get them to the slaughterhouse is also most inhumane.

Removing the market for these animals should provide an incentive to the industry to give better care and handling in the first place to prevent their sicknesses.

I therefore urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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